THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) The IMDT Act 1983 is applicable to the entire country although it has been notified as of now for the State of Assam only. The IMDT Act, 1983 was enacted in 1983 in the background of the Assam agitation for detection and deportation of illegal migrant in Assam.

(b) The Government is of the view that the IMDT Act in its application to the State of Assam alone, is discriminatory. A proposal to repeal the IMDT Act 1983 is under consideration of Government

Bomb blast in Pooja Express

†239. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that terrorists have added a new dimension to terrorism by carrying out bomb blast in the Pooja Express train; and

(b) if so, the action being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Acts of sabotage have always been one of the key element: in the strategy adopted by terrorists. There have been instances of this nature in the past as well.

(b) Central Government has been regularly sensitising the State Governments to undertake appropriate preventive measures by way of gathering of tactical intelligence, close surveillance of vulnerable areas, regular patrolling of sensitive areas and installations and anti-sabotage checks etc. Specific intelligence inputs received from time to time are shared with the State Governments.

Terrorism in J&K

†240. SHRI BARJINDER SINGH HAMDARD:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that activities of separatist and terrorist elements have been constantly on the increase in Jammu and Kashmir for the past few years;

†Original Notice of the Question was received in Hindi.